

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on April 9, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. John L. Holden (R)

**Staff Present:** Donna Grace, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 529, SB 532, 3/31/1999  
Executive Action: SB 454-Be concurred in a  
Amended, SB 430-Be concurred  
in as Amended, SB 424-Be

concurrent in; SB 487-Be  
concurrent in as Amended, SB-  
441 Be concurrent in, SB 532-Be  
concurrent in, SB-111 Be  
concurrent in as Amended.

**HEARING ON SB 529**

**Sponsor:**

Senator Jergeson presented SB 529.

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**Proponents:**

Toni Hagener, Rep. Dist. #90

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 112 - 206}*

Gordon Morris, MACO, Montana Association of Counties

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 206 - 223}*

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 223 - 256}*

Loren Frazier, Public School Districts

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 256 - 264}*

Janie McCall, City of Billings

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 269}*

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 269 - 275}*

**Opponents:**

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 275 - 323}*

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 323 - 550}*

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 67}*

**Closing by Sponsor:**

Senator Jergeson made closing statements.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 67 - 112}*

**HEARING ON SB 532**

**Sponsor:**

Senator McNutt presented SB 532.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 112 - 235}***

**Proponents:**

Bill Barr, Richland Economic Development

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 235 - 295}***

Ken Redman, West Crane Dairy

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 295 - 338}***

Bob Duncan, West Crane Dairy

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 338 - 393}***

John Franklin, President, First Bank of Sidney

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 393 - 418}***

Mike Dane, West Crane Dairy

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 418 - 480}***

Bob Gilbert, Montana Dairy Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 480 - 550}***

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland Economic Development

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 19}***

Ralph Peck, Montana Dept. of Agriculture

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19 - 26}***

Mike Murphy, Water Resources Association

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 37}***

**Opponents:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 37 - 328}***

**Closing by Sponsor:**

Senator McNutt made closing statements.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 328 - 352}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111**

Jeff Martin, Legislative Staff Attorney, distributed amendments.

No Motion was made to Concur or to Move the amendments. After much discussion; a Substitute Bill was introduced regarding SB 111.

**EXHIBIT** (tah77a0

1)

Motion: REP. STORY moved that SB 111 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. STORY moved that SB 111 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 17-3 with Harper, Harrington, and Raney voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. STORY moved that SB 111 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-4 with Erickson, Harper, Harrington, and Raney voting no.

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*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 550}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 454

Motion: REP. REHBEIN moved that SB 454 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: REP. REHBEIN moved that SB 454 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT** (tah77a0

2)

Motion/Vote: REP. STORY moved that SB 454 BE AMENDED with a SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT. Motion carried 19-1 with Jackson voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. REHBEIN moved that SB 454 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 19-1 with Jackson voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 341}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 487

Motion: REP. GILLAN moved that SB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. HANSON moved that SB 487 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXHIBIT** (tah77a0

3)

Motion/Vote: REP. HANSON moved that SB 487 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 341 - 550}*

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 69}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 430

Motion: REP. HANSON moved that SB 430 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. HANSON moved that SB 430 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXHIBIT** (tah77a0

4)

Motion/Vote: REP. HANSON moved that SB 430 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 146}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 441

Motion/Vote: REP. ORR moved that SB 441 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 12-8 with Dale, Erickson, Gillan, Guggenheim, Hibbard, Jackson, Rehbein, and Story voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 146 - 550}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 532

Motion/Vote: REP. REHBEIN moved that SB 532 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 18-2 with Beck and Orr voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 57}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 424

Motion/Vote: REP. BECK moved that SB 424 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 17-3 with Jackson, Orr, and Rehbein voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 57 - 170}

Meeting adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:37 A.M.

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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

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DONNA GRACE, Secretary  
PAM SCHINDLER,  
SECRETARY FOR DONNA  
GRACE

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**EXHIBIT** (tah77aad)